

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The present application includes pending claims 1-30, all of which have been rejected. Claims 1-18 and 29-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,795,205 issued to Gacek ("Gacek"). Claims 26-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 20020135808 issued to Parry ("Parry"). Claims 19-25 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 1-18 and 26-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application and prosecute the cancelled claims 1-18 and 26-30 in the continuation application.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the favorable consideration and allowance of claims 19-25.

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CONCLUSION

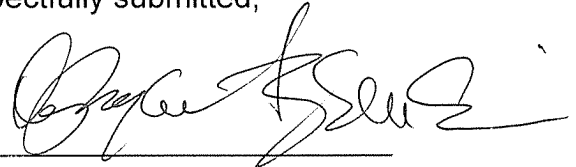
Based on the foregoing, the Applicants believe that all remaining claims 19-25 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Applicants respectfully request a telephone interview, and request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8176.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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